

Remarks

In the present response, two claims (11, 16) are amended; and one claim (19) is canceled. No new matter is added. With these amendments, Applicant makes a sincere effort to place this application in condition for allowance.

I. Telephone Interview

On November 27, 2006, Examiner Huffman and patent attorney Philip Lyren discussed amending the claims to place this application in condition for allowance. Examiner Huffman agreed to allow the recitations of dependent claim 19 to be placed into independent claim 11 subject to those recitations (1) being directed to the program code and (2) having support in the specification. Both of these conditions are met.

Claim 11 is amended to include the recitations of dependent claim 19 being performed by the program code. These recitations find support in the original specification at least at paragraph [0018] on page 6 (see also column 3, lines 52-65 of issued parent USPN 6,802,586).

II. Claim Rejections

Applicant respectfully asserts that all pending claim rejections are moot. Dependent claim 19 is indicated as being allowed. The recitations from this claim are now included in independent claims 11 and 16.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant sincerely thanks the Examiner for indicating allowance of claim 19 and for working with patent attorney Philip Lyren to place this application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant believes all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

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